

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of the January 8, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Carroll, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, L. Tavtigian and Township Committee member W. O'Connor. Also attending was Township resident Jennifer Mathews (interested in joining CTEC).

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Reorganization

Ms. Hoag nominated Ms. Stillinger to be Chairperson seconded by Mr. Payton, with all in favor. Ms. Stillinger nominated Ms. Abbott to be Vice-Chairperson seconded by Ms. Hoag, with all in favor.

Meeting dates have changed to first Tuesday of the month with a starting time of 7:15 PM for 2007 and Tues. January 8, 2008 at 7:15 PM (note this is second Tues. of month). All commission members expressed gratitude to Carolyn Scannelli, minutes secretary, for her continued hard work.

Township Committee liaison is William O'Connor.

Minutes

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the minutes from December 11, 2006 and Mr. Payton seconded, with all in favor.

Events

January 9, Highlands Council public meeting at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

January 23, SEAMLESS at Madison municipal building. Discuss regional transportation issues and the development of the Exxon tract.

February 1, Chatham Twp municipal building, Pesticide awareness presentation by Jane Nogaki. Ms. Abbott will forward newsletter to members and twp website, encourage all to attend.

Saturday, April 7 and Saturday, April 14, 9 AM – noon. Electronics Recycling at the public works yard next to the police station. Volunteers needed for all or any part of that time to help residents unload items.

Demo – at the February meeting Sue Hoag will give a demonstration of Landscape Project basics on the CTEC GIS computer.

Note – new address for Chatham Township GIS web site.

<http://gis.civilsolutions.biz/ims/Index.asp?Username=Chatham&password=Chatham&po>.

If you go to the Chatham Township web site, click on GIS mapping and continue down the links you will have to enter the username Chatham and password Chatham.

Saturday, April 21, river clean-up.

### Application Review

Molino – Bl. 20 Lot 20 Susan Dr. – request to Board of Adjustment for variance relief to construct a new house, steep slopes and height issues. Commission members reviewed draft report & plans. Also, all members are to visit site and forward comments to D. Stillinger via email. Open.

Berkeley Heights – Mead St, Berkeley Heights, Bl. 801 Lot 35-40, 45-47. Application to DEP for Stream Encroachment Permit for proposed residential buildings on Mead St. S. Hoag and S. Carroll to visit site. Open.

Shunpike Field – Bl. 128 Lot 18 – application to DEP for LOI. D. Stillinger, K. Abbott and N. Hagner to review. (W. O'Connor to attend if N. Hagner can not). Open.

Letters sent in Dec. 2006 - Jepsen to DEP, Terrone/Meyersville Rd. to DEP, Ranier to DEP. Closed.

### Reports

Planning Board Report – L. Caprioglio not in attendance.

Township Committee Report – W. O'Connor – Rolling Knolls will not entertain a zoning change; will be on January 18 township agenda. Properties for consideration to be taken out of residential zone – schools, swimming club, golf course, put into “public use” zone. Rezoning may be considered with new master plan.

Open Space Report – S. Hoag – Open Space to meet in late January. – S. Hoag to discuss with Open Space committee about forming subcommittee with Environmental Commission regarding managing conservation easements.

Anti-idling campaign – K. Abbott – subcommittee formed – K. Abbott & O. Raadam. Commission discussed sign placement. Subcommittee to obtain updated information on car idling.

### Action Items

Commission reviewed a Mendham Twp. ordinance regarding land acquisitions when there are certain environmental issues. Commission will propose to the Planning Board that the Twp. allow for these changes in their land use ordinances. Also, Ms. Stillinger recommends reviewing the Chatham Twp land use ordinances for possible amendments. Open.

Resolution 2006-214 endorsing U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, commission needs to decide on two projects supporting this agreement. Suggestions: solar lights for rear parking lot at municipal building, and emissions reductions. Open.

Discuss and review tree ordinance at next meeting. Open.

Digital formatting – S. Hoag – discussed recommending to Planning Board that developers should submit site plans on digital format. Open.

### Mail (on top of filing cabinet in meeting room)

Final Caplan/Candace plans showing revisions previously discussed.

Partial Molino/Susan Dr Plans

Stream encroachment permit application notice from Berkeley Heights.

Chatham & Long Hill Twp EC minutes

Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Scannelli